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Michael A. Friedman
Acting Commissioner
Food & Drug Administration
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Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am writing--to request that the FDA stop requiring animal testing for pharmaceuticals.

This cruel and unnecessary testing should be stopped. Advances in in vitro testing have made almost all animal testing obsolete. Our society needs to progress beyond treating animals as insentient things.

The **government** should be leading the way in stopping cruelty and abuse of animals. Instead, it is requiring that private companies engage in it. This, I protest.

Stop the requirements for animal testing.

Sincerely,



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